



## **Meeting of the Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture**

May 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
Arlington Center for the Arts

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**Attending:** Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Adria Arch, Cristin Canterbury-Bagnall, Tom Davison, Kimberly Harding, Stewart Ikeda, Cecily Miller, Andre Nicolay, Janet Oberto, Aneleise Ruggles, Linda Shoemaker **Guest:** Hattie Bernstein

**Absent:** Steve Poltorzycki

The committee approved the minutes for April 11, 2019

### **True Story Theater**

True Story Theater attended this meeting to conduct a Playback Theatre session to recap the year. Each commissioner contributed an end-of-year impression for feedback. The session embraced the aspirational, the practical, the imaginative and reflected the commitment to the arts in Arlington and our bonds developed over our first year as core commissioners altogether with the leadership of our Co-Chairs. It ended with an appreciation and celebration of the work of Linda Shoemaker who is departing her position at the ACA.

### **Hattie Bernstein**

Stephanie introduced Hattie Bernstein, a freelance journalist, and announced that she will be contracted to write one article a week for a trial period, with potential for hire for the upcoming fiscal year. The question was asked of the committee – what articles will we assign and enthusiastic discussion ensued. The marketing committee recommended that Hattie promote Live Arts while also working to our goal with each article to increase understanding of ACAC and to gain awareness for the arts overall (inside and outside Arlington), Cecily offered public arts topics, and Tom and Cristin shared Live Arts information. Others contributed many ideas.

### **Budget Report**

Stephanie provided a brief budget overview.

### **Fox Festival**

Cecily issued an open invitation for a parade marshal, as Joe Curro will be out of town. Stewart Ikeda volunteered. Cecily encouraged commissioner participation and shared the preparation for the day.

**Live Arts**

Tom and Cristin provided an update on Live Arts, including the schedule overview and call for volunteers. The committee focused on Garage Band discussion.

**New Business**

Stewart Ikeda proposed that the Commission write and distribute a letter of unanimous support for the current AHS rebuild design. It was agreed that it will not request/endorse a “yes vote” but just expresses ACAC support for planned improvements incorporated into the design. It was voted and agreed, Stewart is to distribute a draft for comment to the core commissioners.

The next meeting will be on June 6 at 7:00 at ACA, Stephanie announced that we will debrief the True Story Theater experience, evaluate this year and plan for next.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.